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In re Application of: CHUNG-JEON LEE *et al.*

Serial No.: 10/798,577

Examiner: NGUYEN, TAI V.

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Art Unit: 3729

For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING A BUBBLE-JET TYPE INK-JET
PRINthead (*as amended*)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, and §§1.97 and 1.98 as amended, Applicant cites, describes, and provides copies of the following art references. Under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2) however, copies of U.S. patent reference(s) are not provided.

US PATENT REFERENCE:

- United States Patent No. 6,766,817 to da Silva, entitled *FLUID CONDUCTION UTILIZING A REVERSIBLE UNSATURATED SIPHON WITH TUBARC POROSITY ACTION*, issued on 27 July 2004.

DISCUSSION

da Silva US'817, discloses that a method and system for harnessing an unsaturated flow of fluid utilizing a reversible unsaturated siphon conductor of fluid having a tubarc porous microstructure. Fluid is conducted from a zone of higher (+) fluid matrix potential to a zone of lower (-) fluid matrix potential utilizing a tubarc porous microstructure. The fluid can be reversibly transported from different zones bearing a differential fluid matrix potential according to the status of the fluid matrix potential in each zone utilizing the tubarc porous microstructure. The tubarc

porous microstructure comprises an enhanced geometric porosity. In this manner, the fluid can be harnessed for irrigation, drainage, filtration, fluid recharging and other fluid delivery uses, such as refilling writing and printing instruments.

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The citation of the foregoing references is not intended to constitute an assertion that other or more relevant art does not exist. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to make a wide-ranging and thorough search of the relevant art.

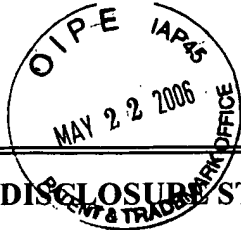
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Respectfully submitted,

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**TRANSLATION**

DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	YES	NO

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